

**Amendments To The Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) In combination a keylock and latch assembly with a vehicle decklid comprising:
  - (a) a key operated lock including an arm extending radially outwardly therefrom and rotatable with the lock upon user insertion of a key therein;
  - (b) a releasable latch assembly including a housing disposed proximate said lock with a release cable extending from said latch assembly and operable to secure the decklid upon closure[.];
  - (c) a follower attached to said release cable and including means attached to said latch assembly housing operable for guiding the follower for linear movement in the direction of tensioning the cable, said follower including a surface portion thereof disposed for contact by said arm, whereupon user rotation of the lock, said arm is operable to effect movement of the follower and tensioning of the release cable for effecting actuation of said releasable latch assembly.
2. (Previously Presented) The combination defined in claim 1, wherein said means operable for guiding the follower includes a housing.
3. (Previously Presented) The combination defined in claim 1, wherein said means operable for guiding the follower includes a housing with said follower slidably received in the housing and said contact portion extending outwardly therefrom.
4. (Original) The combination defined in claim 3, wherein said housing includes a spring biasing said follower in a direction opposing tensioning of the cable.

5. (Original) The combination defined in claim 3, wherein said housing includes a slot with said contact portion extending therethrough.
6. (Previously Presented) The combination defined in claim 1, wherein said means operable for guiding the follower includes a tubular housing; and, said follower includes a piston slidably received in said tubular housing.
7. (Original) The combination defined in claim 6, wherein said piston includes a projection extending outwardly through said housing with the projection including said contact portion.
8. (Previously Presented) The combination defined in claim 1, wherein said lock includes a rotary member, extending therefrom and rotatable with said key; and, said arm is attached to said rotary member for rotation therewith.
9. (Previously Presented) The combination defined in claim 1, wherein said lock and said releasable latch assembly are disposed on the vehicle decklid.
10. (Previously Presented) The combination defined in claim 1, wherein said means operable for guiding the follower includes a tubular housing with said follower slidably received thereon and including a bias spring and a cap disposed for closing said tubular housing, and operable to retain said spring.